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Town of EASTON

New Hampshire Year ending December 31, 1985

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This Report is dedicated to



Ruth & Russ
Towne
For their many contributions
to our community.

Town of Easton, New Hampshire ANNUAL REPORT of the Town Officers

Year Ended December 31, 1985

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TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen

FRANCIS P. GARVAN II (Term expires 1986) FRED MOODY (Term expires 1987) CHARLES CHASE (Term expires 1988)

Town Clerk
VIRGINIA LEIGHTON

Tax Collector FONTELLE SILVER

Treasurer
BERNICE CUTTER

Auditor BARBARA COLLIER

Fire Superintendent STANLEY SHERBURN

Trustee of the Trust Funds

HARRIET CORBRAN

Chief of Police EDWARD CUTTER

Lafayette School Board

BETTY MOODY

Moderator

STEPHEN NORTH (1986)

Supervisors of the Checklist

CAROLYN CHASE (1986) HELEN SOPER (1988) FONTELLE SILVER (1990)

Recreation Committee

PAT CLARK RUTH KING

Library Trustees		Cemetery Trustees	
BERNICE CUTTER	(1986)	PAUL SCHIEGEL	(1986)
MARGARET WHITCOMB	(1987)	PARKER TOWLE	(1987)
CAROLYN CHASE	(1988)	LEE STRIMBECK	(1988)

Planning Board - Three Year Term

EDWARD CUTTER	(1986)	PHYLLIS TOWLE	(1988)
MARY ELLEN BARNES	(1987)	BILL KENNEY	Alternate
GARY HARWOOD	(1987)	WALTER WOODS	Alternate
	MIKE GARVAN	(ex officio)	

Roard of Adjustment - Five Year Term

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DONNA NORTH	(1986)	FRED MOODY	(1989)
HAROLD KLUMBACI	H (1987)	DENNIS FORD	(1990)
KAY GLOVER	(1988)	BARBARA COLLIER	Alternate



TOWN OF EASTON TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:30 in the evening. Polls will be open from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

To act upon the following subjects:

- ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.
- **ARTICLE** 2. To see if the Town will vote to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Easton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board which would replace the current home occupation section with a broader definition and specific standards for home occupations.
- **ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Easton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board which will establish 6 square feet as the size limit for all signs.
- **ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to approve Amendment No. 3 to the Easton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board which would limit lighting for signs and guide their placement.
- **ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to approve Amendment No. 4 to the Easton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board which would allow off-premise signs as a special exception use and which would prohibit signs which do not advertise Easton businesses.
- **ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to approve Amendment No. 5 to the Easton Zoning Ordinance which would establish a Flood Hazard Zone with limited permitted uses and guidelines for replacement of existing buildings and septic systems.
- ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to approve Amendment No. 6 to the Easton Zoning Ordinance which would affect the date of assessing a fine in the event of a violation of the ordinance.
- **ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to pay the Selectmen and other Town Officers an annual salary during the current year in accordance with the following schedule, and to raise and appropriate money for same:

Chairman, Board of Selectmen	450.00
Selectman	350.00
Selectman	
Tax Collector	450.00
Town Clerk	225.00
Treasurer	225.00
Auditor	100.00
Moderator	50.00

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as is stated in the proposed budget for repairs to Town highways and bridges, general expenses of highways, snow removal, maintenance of the Town building and other necessary Town expenses.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$258.00 for regional solid waste planning.

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, for use as setoffs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated; and further, to authorize the Selectmen to make pro rata reductions in the amounts if estimated entitlements are reduced or take any other action hereon:

Appropriation Amount Solid Waste Transfer Station \$1112.34

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cost-share with landowners the expense of them hiring a professional forester to oversee timber harvests on their lands within the town. Said cost-share amount shall be determined by the Selectmen and shall not exceed 10% of the actual timber yield tax revenues paid by the landowner to the Town; and further to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250.00 for this purpose.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to legalize the action to establish a Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund. Monies will reside with the Trustee of Trust Fund. Monies both principal and interest may be expended for the reappraisal of the Town.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to be added to the Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to legalize the action to establish a Fire Protection Capital Reserve Fund. Monies will reside with the Trustee of Trust Funds. Monies both principal and interest may be expended for major fire or fires and to start a fire department.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 to be added to the Fire Protection Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of replacing the existing wood stove in the kitchen of the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to build a canopy over the back door of the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$195.00 to support the local outreach program provided by Grafton County Community Action.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money for defraying Town expenses in anticipation of tax revenues, if necessary.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$204.75 to be paid to Ross Ambulance Service as a condition for continued emergency medical transportation.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$181.50 for the White Mountain Mental Health Program.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$495.00 for the Franconia-Sugar Hill-Easton Chamber of Commerce.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the Littleton Hospital.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$208.00 for the North Country Council.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$212.00 for the North Country Home Health Agency.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,150.00 for the Franconia Recreation Program.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for completion of Easton soil maps by the Soil Conservation Service.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept a Cemetery Trust Fund in the amount of \$100.00.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept the road as shown on Map 4 Lot 43 presently owned by John Block.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to oppose the burial, storage, transportation and production of high level radioactive waste in the Town of Easton and the State of New Hampshire, and call upon Congress to conduct an independent investigation with full public participation to determine if there are any safe methods of disposal. The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional delegation and to the President of the United States. (By petition)

Selectmen of Easton

Charles C. Chase Francis P. Garvan II Frederick Moody

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Last year was a relatively quiet one in Easton with few major issues, however, the board continued to work in several areas. These are solid waste disposal, zoning enforcement and capital budgeting.

With the joint purchase of the transfer station compactor, the tri-towns area has significantly improved its' ability to react economically to market changes and environmental regulations covering solid waste disposal.

Zoning regulations are only as good as the enforcement agents. The board has been trying to deal with a large volume of zoning requests efficiently and equitably while preserving the integrity of the zoning ordinances. The intent of the regulations are to preserve land values while providing for flexibility in everyone's life styles.

We are again proposing two appropriations to reserve accounts. These are the fire reserve account and reappraising reserve account. These are necessary to smooth out fluctuations in the annual operating budget and provide for long term fiscal planning. This is a proven management tool which allows everyone to see in an organized fashion, expenditures which will occur several years down the road.

A more immediate project is the proposed canopy over the back stairs at the Town Hall. Maintenance of these stairs is very difficult in winter as ice and snow continues to build up creating a hazardous condition. By constructing a small entrance roof, the cost of maintaining the steps will be reduced as well as providing a much safer entry-way.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Virginia Leighton for her years of service as Town Clerk. Her dedication and warmth will certainly be missed during car registration time.

Selectmen of Easton

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash on Hand Uncollected Property Tax Uncollected Resident Tax Prepayment Unexpended Revenue Sharing Reappraisal Fund Fire Protection Contingency Fund	\$ 34,816.08 2,967.51 40.00 1,000.00 1,112.34 3,500.00 2,000.00
Total Assets	\$ 45,435.93
LIABILITIES	
School Tax Payable Yield Tax Escrow Accounts Unexpended Revenue Sharing Fund Fire Warden Funds Matching Reappraisal Fund Fire Protection Contingency Fund	\$ 24,166.19 488.50 1,112.34 1,218.00 3,500.00 2,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$32,485.03
Excess of Assets Over Liabilities (Surplus)	12,950.90
GRAND TOTAL	\$45,435.93

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON — REVENUE

	Estimated	Actual	Estimated
SOURCES OF REVENUE	1985	1985	1986
Taxes:			
Resident Taxes	\$1,340.00	\$1,220.00	\$1,250.00
Yield Taxes Interest & Penalties on Taxe	2,000.00 s -0-	2,878.41 526.01	1,000.00 -0-
Intergovernmental Revenues Shared Revenue-Block Grant	1,500.00	1,726.34	1,500.00
Highway Block Grant	3,005.59	3,238.36	3,000.00
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	200.00	-0-	-0-
Other ReimbBrush Fire	-0-	305.00	-0-
Cemetery	-0-	125.00	-0-
Fire Warden Planning Board	-0- -0-	53.66 153.64	-0- -0-
Board of Adjustment	-o-	60.01	-0-
Intergovernmental Revenues Federal			
National Forest Reserve	5,800.00	,	
U.S. Entitlement	1,200.00	1,315.00	1,200.00
Licenses and Permits			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees Dog Licenses	7,000.00 125.00	10,908.00	10,000.00
Business Licenses, Permits	123.00	172.00	123.00
and Filing Fees Filing Fees	50.00 -0-	179.50 5.00	100.00
rilling rees	-0-	5.00	-0-
Miscellaneous Revenues	3 000 00	1 106 45	1 000 00
Interest of Deposits Yield Tax Bonds	1,200.00	1,186.45 488.50	1,000.00
Histories	-0-	64.00	
Fire Warden Safety Goggles Art. 18 (1981) Slow Road	-0-	5.30	-0-
Committee	-0-	50.00	-0-
Other Financing Sources			
Federal Solid Waste	1,947.85	1,947.85	1,112.34
Total Revenues and Credits	\$25,368.44	\$35,652.71	\$26,087.34

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON — EXPENDITURES

	Approps.	Actual	Approps.
PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	1985	1985	1986
General Government: Town Officers' Salary Town Officers' Expenses Election & Registration Exp. Cemeteries Gen. Government Buildings Reappraisal of Property Planning and Zoning Legal Expenses Advertising & Regional Assoc Chamber of Commerce-Art. 23 North County Council-Art. 25 Tax Map Maintenance	\$ 2,200.00 \$ 2,000.00 500.00 500.00 500.00 350.00 100.00 450.00 495.00 208.00 265.00	2,200.00 1,971.15 176.92 400.00 2,516.49 436.62 282.07 85.00 755.00 495.00 208.00 230.00	\$ 2,200.00 2,000.00 500.00 400.00 3,000.00 600.00 400.00 800.00 495.00 208.00 250.00
Public Safety: Police Department Fire Department 8123 Phone	1,500.00 10,000.00 450.00	1,076.20 9,072.75 497.60	2,500.00 10,000.00 500.00
Highways, Streets & Bridges: Gen. Highway Dept. Expenses	10,000.00	8,040.97	10,000.00
Sanitation: Solid Waste Disposal Littleton Sewer Disposal	9,000.00	9,026.42	6,000.00
Health: Health Department Hospitals & Ambulances - Ross Ambulance Art. 21 White Mtn. Mental Health-Art. Littleton Hospital-Art. 24 North Country Home Health- Art. 26 Grafton County Comm. Action- Art. 19	15.00 195.00 .22 181.50 100.00 212.00	20.00 195.00 181.50 100.00 212.00	20.00 204.75 181.50 600.00 212.00
Welfare: General Assistance	1,000.00	594.00	100.00
Culture and Recreation: Library Parks & Recreation-Franconia Recreation - Art. 27	300.00	-0- 1,000.00	300.00
Capital Outlay: New Stove Town Hall-Art. 17	-0-	-0-	2,000.00

Railing Front Steps-Art. 15 Canopy-Back Door - Art. 18	500.00 -0-		-0- 500.00
Operating Transfers Out: Fire Protection Capital			
Reserve - Art. 16 Reappraisal Capital Res.	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Fund - Art. 14	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Miscellaneous:			
Cost-Share Forester-Art. 12	-0-	-0-	250.00
Easton Soil Map - Art. 28	-0-	-0-	800.00
Canopy - Town Hall - Art. 18	8 -0-	-0-	500.00
New Stove - Art. 17	-0-	-0-	- /
Insurance	2,000.00	•	•
Not Passed - Art. 3	3,000.00		-0-
Fire Wardens Matching Funds	-0-	782.00	
Total Appropriations	\$55,251.50	\$48,589.15	\$57,866.25
Less: Amount of Estimated Rev	venues, Excl	lusive of	
Taxes			\$26,087.34
Amount of Taxes to be Raised and County Taxes)	(EXCLUSIVE (or school	\$31,778.91

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Building	\$ 93,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,300.00
Library, Furniture and Equipment	2,200.00
Police Department Equipment	1,200.00
Fire Department Equipment	1,100.00
Total	\$101,300.00

\mathbf{s}	UMMARY INVI	ENTORY OF AS	SESSED VAL	UATION
Land Building Electric Mobile H	: Utilities			\$2,404,865.00 4,324,500.00 363,308.00 6,200.00
GROSS	VALUATION			\$7,098,873.00
Less	Elderly Exempt	ion		2,500.00
NET V	'ALUATION (on v	which Tax Rate	is computed)	\$7,096,373.00
Incre	ase in Net Val	luation - 1985		442,864.00
1985 Tax	Rate	8	1984 Tax Ra	te %
TOWN COUNTY SCHOOL	\$ 2.96 2.23 7.65	23.05 17.37 59.58	\$ 1.72 2.79 7.62	14.17 23.00 62.83

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have audited the accounts of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Library Trustees, Trustees of Trust Funds and Cemetery Committee for the year 1985. I have found all accounts, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct and in proper order.

Barbara Collier Auditor

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1985 Auto Permits	\$ 10,908.00
1985 Dog Licenses	172.00
One Town History	4.00
Filing Fees	5.00
Paid to Town Treasurer	\$ 11.089.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	\$52,251.50
Less Est. Revenues and Credits	35,528.50
Net Town Appropriation	\$16,723.00
Net School Tax	55,316.00
County Tax	15,879.00
Total - Town, School, County	\$87,918.00
Deduct Business Profits Tax Reimbursement	-
Add War Service Credits	800.00
Add Overlay	2,520.00
Property Taxes to be raised	91,238.00
Less War Service Credits	800.00
Total Tax Commitment	\$90,438.00
Tax Computation Adjustment	
Property Taxes Committed To Collector	\$90,438.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levies of 1984 & 1985 - Property, Resident & Yield Taxes

DEBITS

	Levies of:	
Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal	1985 Vear	1984
Property Taxes Resident Taxes	· IGUI	\$4,364.00 170.00
Taxes Committed To Collector Property Taxes Resident Taxes Yield Taxes	\$90,438.00 1,340.00 2,878.41	
Added Taxes Property Taxes Resident Taxes	25.00 50.00	10.00
Overpayments a/c Property Taxes	82.00	
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	75.64 1.00	309.93 11.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$94,890.05	\$4,864.93
CREDITS		
Remittances To Treasurer During Fiscal	Year	
Property Taxes Resident Taxes Yield Taxes	\$87,495.49 1,220.00 2,878.41	\$4,364.00
Interest Collected During Year Penalties on Resident Taxes	75.64 1.00	309.93 11.00
Abatements Made During Year		
Property Taxes Resident Taxes	82.00 130.00	160.00
Uncollected Taxes - End of Fiscal Year (As Per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes Resident Taxes	2,967.51 40.00	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$94,890.05	\$4,864.93

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Levy of 1985

Property Taxes:	
Michael Batterberry & Ariane	113.00
Ralph Brooks & Esther	40.00
Richard Carigan & Theresa	490.00
Jaque Farhi	28.00
Paul Farhi	31.00
Jane Farhi	33.00
Thomas Farren & Beverly	46.00
Frank Federi Co.	223.00
Robert Foley & Ann	88.51
Paul Foss	269.00
Martin L. Feuer	317.00
Frederick Kendall	139.00
Norman F. Leigher	55.00
Douglas McLane	15.00
Garry T. Mousehegian & Carol Ann	2.00
Robert Parker	8.00
* John Roberts & Barbara	87.00
Stanley Sherburn & Lori	324.00
David Shepard & Alice	513.00
Charles Stewart	24.00
Norman Williams & Florence	122.00
Total	2,967.51
Desident Manage	
Resident Taxes:	
Donna Batcho	\$ 10.00
* Chester King	10.00
* Ruth King	10.00
Irving Locke	10.00
Total	\$ 40.00

^{*} Paid after December 31, 1985

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1985

DEBITS

Tax Sales on Account of Levies of Balance of Unredeemed Taxes Beginning	1985		1984
Fiscal Year*	\$	\$	62.72
Taxes Sold To Town During			
Current Fiscal Year**	853.08		
Interest Collected After Sale	48.20		12.84
Redemption Costs	 51.30	_	17.10
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 952.58	\$	92.66

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Year:		
Redemptions	\$	915.80
Interest & Costs After Sale		129.44
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 1	.045.24

^{*} These sums represent the total of Unredeemed Taxes, as of January 1, 1985 from Tax Sales held in Previous Fiscal Years.

^{**} Amount of Tax Sale held during current fiscal year, including total amount of taxes, interest and costs to date of sale(s).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance on Hand - January 1, 1985	\$ 34,806.10
Fontelle A. Silver, Tax Collector Virginia Leighton, Town Clerk Selectmen State of New Hampshire Fire Warden's Matching Funds Federal Revenue Sharing Planning Board Fees for Subdivision Board of Adjustment Cemetery Yield Tax Bonds Richard Warton, Brush Fire Interest on General Fund	97,420.71 11,089.00 289.50 15,324.38 58.96 1,947.85 153.64 60.01 125.00 488.50 305.00 1,186.45
Total Receipts to General Fund Balance on Hand January 1, 1985	\$128,449.00 34,806.10
Total Receipts in General Fund 1985 Selectmen's Orders	\$163,255.10 128,429.02
Balance, January 1, 1986	\$ 34,826.08

REVENUE SHARING FUND REPORT

Total Available Funds, January 1, 1985 Federal Solid Waste Transfer Station Brought Forward to General Fund	\$ 1,947.85 1,947.85 \$ -0-
Entitlement Payments, 1985 Interest	\$ 973.00 139.34
Total Available Funds	\$ 1,112.34

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From Tax Collector:			
Property Taxes, 1984 Levy		\$	4,364.00
Property Tax Interest, Levy Resident Tax, 1984 Levy	7		183.58 20.00
Resident Tax Penalties, 198	34 Levy		11.00
Property Tax, 1985 Levy Property Tax Interest, 1985	5 Levv		87,495.49 76.64
Resident Tax, 1985	, 2011		1,220.00
Yield Tax			2,878.41 915.80
Tax Sales Redeemed Interest & Cost After Sale			255.79
	Total	\$	97,420.71
From Town Clerk:		ć	10 000 00
Motor Vehicle Permits Dog Licenses		÷.	10,908.00
Filing Fees			5.00
Town Histories	Total	5	4.00 11,089.00
	10041	7	11,005.00
From Selectmen:		\$	139.00
Building & Pistol Permits Rent of Town Hall		ş	40.50
Easton-Slow Road Committee			50.00
1981-Article 18 (To Gener Histories	cal Fund)		50.00 60.00
MIDGOTTED	Total	\$	289.50
From State of New Hampshire:			
Highway Block Grant Aid	. 5	\$	
National Forest Reserve Fur Federal Entitlement Lands	nas		9,044.68
Revenue Sharing Distribution			1,726.34
	Total	\$	15,324.38
Board of Adjustment		\$	60.01
Planning Board Fees for Subdivi	sion	\$	153.64
Federal Reserve Sharing Article	? 7	\$	1,947.85
Fire Warden's Matching Funds: 7	raining School	\$	53.66
Yield Tax Bonds		\$	488.50
Cemetery		\$	125.00
Fire Warden's Safety Goggles		\$	5.30
Richard Warton Brush Fire		\$	305.00
Interest on General Fund		\$	1,186.45
Total		\$1	28,449.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries: Charles C. Chase Frances Garvan Frederick Moody Bernice H. Cutter Fontelle A. Silver Virginia Leighton Barbara Collier Stephen North	\$	450.00 350.00 350.00 225.00 450.00 225.00 100.00
Total	\$	2,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses: Branham Publishing Co. Brown & Saltmarsh Harrison Publishing Co. Postmaster, Franconia, NH Virginia Leighton Fontelle Silver B & J. Workshop Charles C. Chase North Country Council Postage Littleton Courier Barbara Collier, Secretary Expenses	\$	22.70 113.26 696.45 22.00 390.75 292.88 91.40 83.50 60.00 13.40 184.81
Total	\$	1,971.15
Election & Registration: Littleton Courier Harrison Publishing Fontelle Silver Helen Soper Vincent McGroary Janice McGroary Carolyn Chase Bernice Cutter	\$	13.40 36.20 38.53 23.45 8.38 15.08 16.75 25.13
Total	Þ	1/6.92
Town Hall Expenses: New England Telephone Public Service Co. of NH Wetherbee Oil Co. Franconia Gas Franconia Hardware Edward Cutter Stanley Sherburn AT&T Robert Glover Ken's Locksmithery Article 15 Joseph Herbert	\$	359.95 201.32 1,002.30 72.94 27.98 81.00 450.00 18.00 44.00 142.00 117.00
Total	\$	2,516.49

Police: Ed Cutter Charles Chase (Civil Defense Meeting)	\$ 1,045.60 30.60
Total	\$ 1,076.20
Planning & Zoning: Littleton Courier Ink Spot Barbara Collier Register of Deeds	\$ 113.92 118.65 30.50 19.00
Total	\$ 282.07
Fire Department: Twin State Mutual Aid Fire Association Town of Franconia (Retainer Fee) Town of Sugar Hill (Retainer Fee) Franconia-Forest Fire 11/1/85 Safety Goggles Durand Cooley Fire Warden Matching Fund - Radio Fire Warden School	\$ 2,000.00 3,600.00 2,400.00 138.12 5.30 40.00 782.00 107.33
Total	\$ 9,072.75
8123 Line: Grafton County Sheriff's Department	\$ 497.60
Transfer Station: Town of Franconia	\$ 9,026.42
Tax Map Update: Cartographic Associates, Inc.	\$ 230.00
Reappraisal of Property: W. John Scofield - Assessor Register of Deeds	\$ 430.40 6.22
Total	\$ 436.62
Road Maintenance: Summer: Robert P. Peckett III	\$ 576.00
Arthur Whitcomb Carroll Wright	 30.37 277.50
Total	\$ 883.87
Winter: Robert P. Peckett III Cargill Salt Eastern	\$ 6,820.50 336.60
Total	\$ 7,157.10

General Assistance	\$ 594.00
Abatement Refunds	\$ 82.00
Taxes Bought by Town	\$ 853.08
Easton Cemetery Committee:	\$ 400.00
Grafton County Tax:	\$ 15,879.00
Insurance: Hadlock Agency Hunkins & Eaton Illinois National Insurance NH Municipal Association	\$ 1,567.00 224.00 427.00 4.46
Total	\$ 2,222.46
Health: Durand Cooley Ross Ambulance Article 6	\$ 20.00 195.00
Total	\$ 215.00
Yield Tax Bonds Redemption: Levielle Shepard Dexter A & T Forest Products Madore & Pauquette	\$ 505.00 249.00 666.00 325.00 784.46
Total	\$ 2,529.46
Advertising & Regional: NH Municipal Association NH Tax Collector Association Community Action Outreach Program Article 4 North Country Council Article 11 NH Association of Assessing Officials NH Town Clerk's Association	\$ 400.00 15.00 100.00 208.00 20.00 12.00
Total	\$ 755.00
Nighswander, Martin, Kidder & Mitchell, P.A. (Town Council)	\$ 85.00
White Mountain Mental Health Program Article 8	\$ 181.50
Franconia-Sugar Hill-Easton Chamber of Commerce Article 9	\$ 495.00
Littleton Hospital Article 10	\$ 100.00
North Country Home Health Agency Article 12	\$ 212.00
Franconia Recreation Program Article 13	\$ 1,000.00

Railing on Front Steps of Town Hall Article 15	\$	212.00
Reappraisal Reserve Fund Article 16	\$	3,500.00
Fire Protection Contingency Fund Article 17	\$	2,000.00
School Districts: Lafayette Regional School District Profile School District	\$	38,183.67 23,402.66
Total	\$	61,586.33
Total 1985 Payments	\$1	28,429.02

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		Rate of	Amount of	Income	Income	Expended	Income End of	
NAME	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Interest	Principal	Year	Year	Year	Year	
R. W.	W. Young	6.75	\$ 100.00	\$ 22.11	\$ 7.94	\$ 7.94	\$ 22.11	
P. K	'. Kinsman & B. Edwards	6.75	100.00	33.65	8.69	8.69	33.65	
Orin	Orin G. Bowles	6.75	200.00	157.73	23.25	23.25	157.73	
Arthu	Arthur Pease	6.75	114.00	64.16	10.66	10.66	64.16	
Charl	Charles A. Young	6.75	300.00	59.68	23.38	23.38	59.68	
Flore	Florence Pease	6.75	200.00	104.08	19.76	19.76	104.08	
White	Whitcomb Tabbutt	10.10	900.009	15.54	52.80	52.80	15.54	
Edsor	n M. & Harriet Bailey	6.75	100.00	20.28	7.82	7.82	20.28	
Leigh	Leighton & Doolan	6.75	71.25	31.71	69.9	69.9	31.71	
Melvi	n H. & Idamae Bowles	* 5.50	100.00	24.35	7.39	6.39	25.35	
¥.	Wm. & Alice G. Muser	6.75	100.00	17.80	7.66	7.66	17.80	
Russ	ussell & Iva Stevens	6.75	20.00	12.55	4.06	7.06	12.55	
John	John W. & Carrie N. Leigher	6.75	100.00	17.63	7.64	7.64	17.63	
۲. ۾	. Gerald Paine	10.65	750.00	120.47	86.74	86.74	120.23	
Evere	Everett W. Bailey	6.75	100.00	18.07	79.7	79.7	18.07	
Howa	Howard Bonor	6.75	100.00	12.24	7.29	7.29	12.24	
Ę	Am. J. & Lillian Bailey	6.75	200.00	15.34	13.99	13.99	15.34	
Mert	Merton Edney	6.75	100.00	7.88	7.04	7.04	7.88	
Clay	Clayton & Sadie Glover	* 5.50	200.00	25.28	11.83	11.83	25.28	
Marg	Margaret Wolff	10.75	100.00	10.38	7.26	7.26	10.38	
Heinz	Heinz & Helene Schultze	6.75	300.00	20.63	20.76	20.76	20.63	
, M	 & CArol J. Bailey 	* 5.50	200.00	ė.	9.61	9.61	-0	
Stua	tuart L. or Uncha Bowles	* 5.50	20.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	
	TOTALS		\$4,235.25	\$811.56	\$359.93	\$358.93	\$812.32	

All of the above Trusts are for Cemetery Lot Care

^{*} Regular Passbook Savings. All others are Certificates of Deposit.

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Reappraisal Reserve Fund ** 9.15 Fire Protection Conting.F ** 9.15	TOTALS
1985 1985	

All Trusts are invested at The Savers Bank

CEMETERY TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Cemetery clean-up day was May 11, 1985. Six volunteers participated in straightening head stones, pruning trees and bushes and cleaning up debris.

There were two burials during the year.

RECEIPTS

Two Lots	\$50.00
Town appropriation	\$400.00
Income from Trust Funds	.\$358.93
Total Receipts	\$808.93
EXPENSES	

James Cavanaugh, caretaking \$725.00 Balance in checking \$271.14

Trustees of Kinsman Cemetery

Paul Schlegal Lee Strimbeck Parker Towle

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

January 22,1985

The Librarian and Trustees met at the home of Lorie Sherburn to discuss plans for the library for this year. We hope to purchase new books to add to our library. It will be necessary to weed out some of the books that are not being read very much, old ones-still good ones-to give more room. The Media Van from the State Library Division at Twin Mountain is coming regularly, unless we ask them to skip a visit. Due to new regulations, it will stop only at designated homesinstead of the Town Hall. In view of the fact that we received no funds in 1984, we are asking for \$300.00, hoping to have enough for expenses.

December 1, 1985

After several informal meetings of the trustees and librarian, when we sorted out books to discard - to put in the summer sale of the Kinsman Club, we went through catalogs and made out a list of books to order on sales, hoping to get something to please everyone. After being told by the Selectmen that we could not have the March appropriation, because we had not spent anything - they hadn't even asked if we had - we have tried to explain that we have used most of the money and will not have much surplus left to pay the librarian's salary, dues to the associations we are supposed to contribute to, etc.

The books left from the book sale were given to Lilac Inn, The Lane House, Littleton Hospital and to the Franconia Library book sale. This leaves room for our new books. There are still books that need to be taken out of the library and we would welcome assistance and suggestions from our town's people. The finances of the library are available for discussion at any time, through the Librarian and Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT 1985

The Media Van from Twin Mountain made ten trips to Easton in 1985. We borrowed approximately 654 books and 13 tapes. There were 74 books given to the Library and 27 bought with the town appropriation. There were 108 books sold and discarded from the Library.

Thanks to donors, Mary Ellen Barnes, Carolyn Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cutter, Franconia Library and Margaret Whitcomb.

Number of visitors	 	 		106
Number of readers	 	 		22
Books loaned:				
Adult fiction	 	 		515
Adult non-fiction	 	 		100
Juvenile	 	 	<u> </u>	19
		Total	circulation	634

The Library is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 2 to 4 pm

Virginia Leighton Librarian

LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1985 \$535.18
Receipts during the year/sale of books 37.00

Total Receipts \$572.18

EXPENDITURES

Librarian's salary \$200.00 Books purchased 171.41

Total Expenditures \$371.41

Balance on hand January 1, 1986 \$200.77

THE SADIE N. GLOVER & HELEN J. YOUNG MEMORIAL FUND

Invested with The Savers Bank, Littleton, NH, in a 2½ year Certificate. Maturity date June 9, 1986. Interest only may be withdrawn and used.

Balance December 31, 1984 \$543.93 Total interest for 1985 59.56

Balance December 31, 1985 \$603.49

Trustees of Easton Free Public Library

Bernice H. Cutter (Term expires 1986)
Margaret T. Whitcomb (Term expires 1987)
Carolyn H. Chase (Term expires 1988)

EASTON PLANNING BOARD

Since last Town Meeting, the Board has reviewed and approved two subdivisions which resulted in the creation of six lots intended for building. (This is one more subdivision than in the previous year and a half). Board members and volunteers have collected information for the Town's Master Plan. Last summer, we invited the Grafton County Soil Conservation Service to discuss with interested residents and Board members the use of natural resources data in community planning and development. The soil survey of the Town, which provides a lot of the best local resource information, should be complete later this spring. At the present, we're distributing surveys to residents and non-resident property owners to find out what people want for Easton and their opinions on a number of Town land use and community facility issues—these will be incorporated into the Master Plan which we hope to present to the Town in the fall.

We also are bringing to the 1986 Town Meeting for ballot vote some proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance. The home occupation amendment in particular intends to encourage this very appropriate use in our Town while putting some standards in place.

With subdivisions months apart, we often get lonely at our monthly meetings -- if you have an idea or a concern relating to Town planning, please feel free to drop by.

Ed Cutter Gary Harwood Mary Ellen Barnes Bill Kenney Mike Garvan Phyllis Towle Walter Woods

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

for year ending December 31,1985

ACCIDENTS:

8 accidents occurred in Easton this year with no personal injuries. Some drivers were wearing seat belts, some not. 6 other cars were off the road with no damage resulting, and driven off after being towed out of the snow bank. All these incidents were caused by a Higher rate of speed than was safe for road conditions at the time. This Department also assisted 10 motorists with car trouble.

BREAK-INS:

This Department discovered and investigated 6 incidents. Several others were reported by residents. One reported a down sleeping bag the other a flashlight missing. Apparently someone went to a lot of trouble breaking locks and hasps for no gain.

DOGS

It would help this Department very much if each dog had its dog and rabies tag on their collar for easy identification. All dog complaints have received prompt attention after receiving the complaint.

REMINDER! APRIL 30 IS THE DEADLINE FOR LICENSES!

There were 171 calls received for Department response, which was an increase of 45% over the previous year. These calls are from residents, County Sheriffs Dispatch, and other Police Agencies. This Department rounded up cattle, dogs, horses, contacted people for emergency messages, unlocked cars, and stood by at accidents and car breakdowns.

This Department is deeply grateful for the assistance of the members of the Sheriffs Department, State Police, and the Franconia/Sugar Hill Police Departments.

The cooperation of the Selectmen has made the job easier and I have carried out their requests as quickly as possible.

Respectfully submitted, Edward Cutter Police Chief

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Permits were issued for 7 new houses and for 11 additions or alterations to existing houses.

Charles C. Chase Building Inspector

FIRE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

In 1985 Easton had no fires. We are still associate members of Twin State Mutual Aid and take our main protection from the Franconia and Sugar-Hill departments. It is very important for us to support both of these departments in all their benefit projects as we are subsequentially benefited.

The Town of Easton is still going over the possibilities of having their own department and I feel should look closely at the advantages of that route.

People should as always pay close attention to the maintenance of their wood stoves, chimneys and surrounding areas. Wood stoves are a major cause of home fires.

To have an installation of wood stove or furnace inspected or for any other questions, dial me at my home at 823-5649.

To report a fire - DIAL 8123.

Respectfully submitted, Stanley R. Sherburn Fire Superintendent

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Between July 1984 and June 1985, we experienced more forest fires throughout our state than in any year in the last 50. Two of the leading causes of the 1,605 fires were children and fires kindled without written permission of a Forest Fire Warden. Both causes are preventable, but only with your help.

Please help our town and state forest fire officials with forest fire prevention. Contact your Forest Fire Warden for more information.

Enforcement of a state timber harvest regulations is the responsibility of State Forestry officials. Our state has excellent timber harvest regulations; however, your assistance is needed.

If you know of a logging operation and suspect a state timber harvest law may be violated, call your Forest Fire Warden.

If you own forest land, you will become responsible for the timber tax payment starting April 1, 1986. This is a change in the Timber Tax Law that will impact all forest landowners. Contact your Board of Selectmen for timber tax forms.

FOREST FIRE STATISTICS - 1985

Number Fires Statewide	1,605
Acres Burned Statewide	1,580
Cost of Suppression	\$246,017
District - 43 Fires	27.4 Acre
Town - 1 Fires	.006 Acre

FOREST FIRE WARDEN Durand B. Cooley FOREST RANGER John Q. Ricard

TRI-TOWN RECREATION PROGRAM

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Our Summer Program, expertly supervised by Starcy Sullivan, with the help of Rick Simmons and Heidi Golden, runs a full eight weeks. As always, according to their ability, children from about the age of 5 up to the teenage level choose to participate in Red Cross Swim Instruction, hiking, biking, karate, gymnastics, soccer, softball, various games, arts and crafts, windsurfing, and visiting local points of interest.

	1985	1986
	Expenses	Budget
Salaries	\$5,040.00	\$5,270.00
Pool Rental	600.00	600.00
Bus Rental	1,024.34	1,000.00
Insurance	120.00_	130.00
	\$6,784.34	\$7,000.00

SUMMER BASEBALL PROGRAM

David Sullivan deserves many thanks for over twenty years as our expert "Little League Commissioner." Thank you to the coaches who devote so much time and effort into making Little League such a success.

	1985	1986
	Expenses	Budget
Equipment	\$412.06	\$445.00
Insurance	200.00	210.00
Miscellaneous	127.26	145.00
	\$739.32	\$800.00

WINTER RECREATION PROGRAM

The Winter Program includes hockey and figure skating. Thanks to the interest and efforts of Jim Cavanaugh, we benefit from the use of two ice rinks. There are schedules posted at both rinks so that there is always one rink available for free skating. Special thanks to Barry Field, Margo Connors and the Lafayette Skating Association for making this program possible.

	1985	1986
	Expenses	Budget
Rink Maintenance & Labor	\$2,522.17	\$2,600.00
Gas & Electricity	1,370.20	1,530.00
Insurance	59.00	70.00
Miscellaneous	209.64	500.00
	\$4.161.01	\$4.700.00

Our year round recreation program is so successful because of the efforts of the many interested citizens of our communities who give tirelessly of their time and talents. Although space does not permit individual mention, we thank you all.

The total Tri-Town Recreational Budget will be \$12,500.00 for 1986. It is proposed that Franconia appropriate \$7,900.00, Sugar Hill appropriate \$3,450.00, and Easton appropriate \$1,150.00. An overall increase of \$1,000.00 is due to general cost increases and proposed repair of the Franconia hockey rink.

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

We appreciate the opportunity to submit the following report in our continuing effort to directly communicate with our constituents.

Because of current favorable cash status and appreciable fund balance, Grafton County maintained a level tax requirement this fiscal year, actually reducing the tax requirement by \$200, and we anticipate an even better tax climate in the next fiscal year. However, due to the apportionment process of tax assessment by equalized valuation, some towns did see a slight increase in the county portion of taxes for 1985, though the majority of towns realized a decrease. The unusual fund balance is due to a combination of factors, including unused surplus in the previous budget, conscientious budget management by all departments, transfer of court expenses to the State, increased Nursing Home reimbursements, favorable returns on investments, increased Register of Deeds revenues and continued Revenue Sharing.

Along with saving the County approximately \$300,000 in expenditures with the shift of liability for court activities to the State, we also anticipate receiving \$100,000+ annually in rent on space occupied by the court system.

Grafton County is experiencing the same problems as your local government in the insurance market. Costs are rising dramatically and in some cases insurance coverage is unobtainable. We have retained a consultant to review county insurance needs and available coverage with the hopes of procuring one total package. Because of the current unstable insurance market, we do not yet have any report or recommendation.

In cooperation with your local government and the State, we are striving for a smooth transition to the new system of welfare service delivery under Senate Bill 1. Settlement for assistance determination has been eliminated and towns and cities are now liable for all general assistance to needy persons in their towns, including transients. However, liability for expenses of all juvenile services and for persons assisted under the categorical grant programs will now be shared by the State and counties, removing town liability. Under Senate Bill 1 and the ensuing partnership between counties and the state Dept. of Children and Youth Services, the Commissioners note a new direction for juveniles, including the development of new alternative programs to out of home placements.

Energy conservation programs at the nursing home and courthouse have realized a considerable savings with the decrease in fuel and electric consumption, cutting consumption and dollar cost in half for courthouse fuel alone.

In our letter to you in 1983 we noted litigation in a retirement buy-back suit where a negative decision would result in costs of \$70,000 plus legal fees with a potential domino effect on local governments. We are pleased to note that the County prevailed in this issue.

The Commissioners have changed weekly meetings to Wednesdays. We encourage public attendance at all meetings. The county budget recommendations are processed in May and June. We welcome input and strongly recommend public attendance at the public hearings usually held in June.

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Dorothy Campion-Corcoran, Chairperson Arthur E. Snell Leonard F. Anderson

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL - ANNUAL REPORT

Calendar year 1985 was a busy and productive year for the North Country Council as it continued to provide a wide range of assistance to towns and cities in the North Country.

The Council is a regional non-profit, public agency chartered under NH RSA 36:45 and is responsible for providing its member communities assistance in local community planning, economic development, solid waste, transportation and various other community services. Besides the direct assistance the Council provides each member community, it is an advocate for all North Country towns in legislative and funding issues at the state and federal governments.

In Easton, the Council coordinated with the Master Plan Review Committee an extensive revision of the Town's master plan, provided information on site plan review and technical assistance on solid waste regulations.

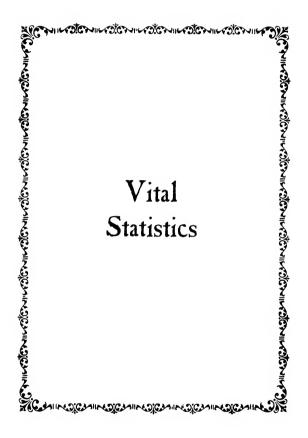
Economic development is an important part of the Council's overall agency mission. This year the Council produced a video promoting the North Country as "The Sensible Place to do Business." The video was developed to be a marketing tool to assist local development organizations publicize to southern New Hampshire businesses why the North Country is a logical choice of location. In October, the Council co-hosted with Governor John Sununu a development forum in Manchester to discuss with southern New Hampshire business executives the advantages of expanding to the North Country. Over 85 businesses participated in this affair and the response from the business community was very positive. The Council is now developing follow up contact with interested businesses through the State Office of Industrial Development.

The Council again provided information and guidance to several towns on federal and state grant and loan programs. This past year saw well over \$2.0 million in Community Development Block Grant funds come to the region for such activities as housing rehabilitation, downtown revitalization, business revolving loan funds, and housing rehabilitation feasibility studies.

Community planning assistance has emphasized master planning and improvement in local land use controls. New state mandates and commercial and residential growth in several towns have created busy work loads for planning boards. The Council's assistance takes many forms: regional workshops, newsletters, regulation review and update, and assistance on a regular or one-time basis for subdivision and site plan applications.

The Council again co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture series with the NH Municipal Association. The Law Lecture this year covered such topics as local planning board procedures, administration and enforcement of ordinances and review of recent court cases and state law changes regarding local land use planning. The Council also sponsored a separate Coos County Land Use Control Workshop which provided additional assistance to those local officials in the county.

Overall, the Council's major objective is to work with North Country towns in solving local and regional problems. We rely on and appreciate the involvement of town officials and residents and look forward to assisting your town this coming year.



BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 1985

Wisconsin	. H. N	Michele E. Anastopoulis	David I. Kenney	Mahina L. Kenney	August 29, 1985
. H.	. H.	Lorie L. Doolan	Stanley Sherburn	Brandon C. Sherburn Stanley Sherburn Lorie L. Doolan	June 10, 1985
Mass.	м.н.	Louisa M. Bliss	Michael A. Kenney Louisa M. Bliss	Eban Erik Kenney	May 13, 1985
Birthplace of Mother	birtnplace of Father	Name of Mother	Name of Father	Name of Child	Date of Birth

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 1985

Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married	Maureen A. Dexter, Justice of Peace	רופרסט, אים.	William Briggs, Clergyman	מן חורו, אית.
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Name of Parents	Dana F. Drew	Joseph Binnett Valerie Turcott	Wilfred K. Glover	Eillia Silver Hoanh H. Nguyen Su Phan
Residence of Each	Easton, N.H.	Easton, N.H.	Easton, N.H.	N. Miami, Fla.
Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Donald B. Drew	Suzanne L. Fortier	Roderick K. Glover	Nicole I. Nguyen-Hoanh
Date and Place of Marriage	January 26, 1985 Littleton N H		July 7, 1985 Franconia N H	

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 1985

Name of Mother	Electra A. Merrill	Laura Allard	Sadie Noyes
Name of Father	Gilbert Bishop	William Fortier	Clayton Glover
Occupation	Nurse-Retired	Home Maker	Air Pollution Tech
Sex	ட	ш.	Σ
Age	65	20	52
Name of Deceased	ebruary 15, 1985 Katherine B. Chase .ittleton, N.H.	Eva F. Cooley	Roger W. Glover
Date and Place of Death	February 15, 1985 Littleton, N.H.	March 7, 1985 Littleton, N.H.	October 17, 1985

Emergency Telephone Number

8123

Fire - Police Medical Emergency

Police OfficerFd Cutter - 823-8548

Fire Superintendent Stanley Sherburn - 823-5649

Fire WardenDurand Cooley - 823-5207



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